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Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know whether the question referred to in clause (*a*) will not be a bit too late if its consideration is put off till after the publication of the scheme report?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I do not think so. The question of enhancing the rates will depend on the conditions shown in the scheme report and on conditions when the resettlement is introduced."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" Where is the necessity to await the publication of the scheme report?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I understand that the scheme report itself will embody certain recommendations in this regard, and those recommendations are therefore awaited."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" Is not the main object of the resettlement an enhancement of the present rate?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" That is not the only object; there are other matters dealt with at resettlement."

Orders, if any, of the Government on the resolutions passed at the meeting of the landholders of Puttur taluk, held on 29th April 1933.

* 35 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the proceedings of the meeting of the landholders of Puttur taluk held on 29th April 1933 have been received by the Government;

(*b*) whether a copy of the said proceedings will be placed on the table of the House; and

(*c*) whether the Government have considered the resolutions passed at that meeting and passed any orders in regard to them?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy[a] of the resolution is appended.

(*c*) An extract of resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 9 has been forwarded to the Board of Revenue for consideration when submitting its remarks on the scheme report of the South Kanara district.

As to resolutions Nos. 6 and 8 the hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 46 and as to resolution No. 7 to the answer to question No. 30.

Resettlement operations in the Salem district.

* 36 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the resettlement operations in the Salem district are;

(*b*) when they will be completed and brought into effect;

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(c) whether there are any proposals with the Government to keep the introduction of the resettlement rates in abeyance until better times; and, if so, what those proposals are; and

(d) what the enhancement or reduction of the existing rates of assessment is that is proposed in the resettlement?

A.—(a) & (b) The introduction of resettlement in the seven southern taluks of the Salem district, viz., Salem, Attur, Rasipur, Namakkal, Harur, Tiruchengodu and Omalur is either due in 1934–35 or, where due in 1933–34, has been postponed to that year. Resettlement operations are now in progress in these taluks.

The resettlement of the northern taluks of Hosur, Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri is due in 1936–37 and that of the hill villages is due in 1935–36.

Resettlement operations are now going on in the hill villages, but no operations have yet commenced in the northern taluks.

(c) & (d) A definite decision as to the rates of assessment to be adopted at the resettlement, and the date of their introduction, will be made when the scheme report has been published for criticism and considered.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know when the scheme report is expected to be published?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I cannot say definitely; but I expect it will be published in the course of two or three months."

Extent of waste lands in South Kanara suitable for cashew cultivation.

* 37 Q.—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the extent of the Government waste land is in the South Kanara district;

(b) what use is made of it; and

(c) how much of it is suitable for cashew cultivation?

A.—(a) to (c) In 1918 the area of waste land at the disposal of Government in the South Kanara district was reported to be about 1,278,000 acres. The Government have no more recent or accurate information. The Collector then reported that the area did not represent correctly the extent available for cultivation, as it included large areas wholly unsuited for cultivation, such as laterite hill-tops and jungle; also land situated in malarial and unpopulated tracts; also Kumaki land. It would be impossible without an elaborate enquiry to ascertain how much of it is suited for cashew cultivation.